



# LITERALLY SPEAKING...

The Newsletter of the York County Public Library

## Runaway String Band plays Tabb November 12

Bluegrass and old-style band continues "Second Saturdays at Seven" concerts

As part of the York County Public Library's "Second Saturdays at Seven" concert series, local bluegrass quartet the Runaway String Band will perform at the Tabb Library on Saturday, November 12. The performance will begin at 7:00 PM, and admission to this event is free.

The Runaway String Band brings together four long-time Williamsburg-area musicians to produce a wonderful variety of bluegrass, old time, and swing music. With lush vocal harmonies and hot instrumentals, the band provides audiences with a taste of American music from the 1930s, 40s and 50s, and includes some contemporary pieces as well.

Doug Austin, formerly with the acclaimed bluegrass ensemble Virginia Rail, plays the mandolin for the ensemble, and adds strong harmony vocals. Five-string ban-



joist Dave Paddock sings both harmony and lead, and creates the Runaway String Band's vocal arrangements. He brings years of experience in a variety of vocal ensembles to the task. Rounding out the group are Barry and Lynn Trott. Both are long time performers of 17th and 18th century music in Williamsburg. Barry plays both guitar and mandolin, and as the Runaway String Band's primary lead vocalist, Barry is responsible for much of the band's repertoire. Lynn holds the distinction of being the only viola de gamba player in all of bluegrass music. Her virtuosity with this baroque instrument leave even the most seasoned bluegrass listeners wondering if the gamba wasn't Bill Monroe's first choice to hold down the bass. Together as the Runaway String Band, this quartet delights audiences with its tight har-

monies, driving rhythms, and unique arrangements of bluegrass, old-time and swing music.

The RSB has performed at numerous local and regional festivals, gatherings, and establishments, including the Jamestown Folk Festival, Rhythm of the Rails Festival, York County Public Library Concert Series, Carter Mountain Apple Festival, Tidewater Friends of Folk Music Concert Series, Pipes and Pints Pub, Williamsburg Regional Library LibraryFest, the Gan Anim Coffeehouse series and Aroma's Fine Coffees and Teas.

The Tabb Library is located at the intersection of Hampton Highway (VA Rt. 134) and Long Green Boulevard, across from the Victory YMCA. For more information on this and other Library events, call the Adult Programs section of the York County Public Library at (757) 890-5119.



## Library receives donation from United Daughters of the Confederacy

The Peninsula Campaign Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy have graciously donated the following books to the York County Public Library:

- ◆ *McNeill's Rangers*, by Roger U. Delauter, Jr.
- ◆ *The Fredericksburg Campaign: Stonewall Jackson at Fredericksburg, the Battle of Prospect Hill December 13, 1862*, by Frank A. O'Reilly
- ◆ *Chancellorsville Battlefield Sites*, by Noel G. Harrison
- ◆ *Southside Virginia in the Civil War*, by Anthony J. Gage, Jr.
- ◆ *49th Virginia Infantry*, by Richard B. Kleese
- ◆ *53rd Virginia Infantry & 5th Battalion Virginia Infantry*, by G. Howard Gregory
- ◆ *The Surrender Proceedings: Appomattox Court House, April 9, 1865*, by Frank P. Cauble
- ◆ *The Appomattox Paroles: April 9-15, 1865*, by W.G. Nine and Ronald Wilson
- ◆ *Stonewall Jackson's Surgeon: Hunter Holmes McGuire—A Biography*, by Maurice F. Shaw
- ◆ *The Final Bivouac: The Surrender Parade at Appomattox and the Disbanding of the Armies, April 10-May 20, 1865*, by Cris M.



Library Director Lucinda Munger (left) receives the donation from past chapter President Barbara Boles and Ann Elhsnin, chapter Charter Member and Historian.

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- ◆ *Papa Was a Boy in Gray*, by Mary W. Schaller
- ◆ *The Last Steam Railroad in America*, photographs by O. Winston Link and text by Thomas H. Garver
- ◆ *Slaves in the Family*, by Edward Ball
- ◆ *The Sweet Hell Inside*, by Edward Ball
- ◆ *Desperate Deliverance: The Story of African-Americans in the Civil War*, by Robert Broadwater
- ◆ *Standing Like a Stone Wall: The Life of General Thomas J. Jackson*, by James I. Robertson, Jr.

## BOOK BAG CHATS Sundays at Tabb Library

**Book Bag Chats** are held every Sunday at the Tabb Library. Singles are invited by the fireplace from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM to meet and discuss what they are reading. The first Sunday of the month will be for single people in their 50s; the second Sunday for singles 60 and over; the third Sunday for those in their 30s; and the fourth

for single people in their 40s. A bag of books will be provided for discussion, but participants may bring their own books or use other books from the Library's collection.

If you are single and love to read, stop by the library for a **Book Bag Chat**. It's a new place to get to know book lovers like yourself.

## S.A.L.A. WEDNESDAY EVENING READINGS at the Tabb Library

Share Appreciation of the Literary Arts (SALA) on the first Wednesday of each month, from 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM, by the fireplace at the Tabb Library.

**Come read** something you've written yourself—fiction or non-fiction—or bring something you like that was written by someone else. You may share a favorite poem, act out a section of a play with a friend, read or tell a story or a portion of a story, recite the Gettysburg Address, read a letter, or whatever you like—or you may just **come listen** to what others have brought to read.

When making your selections, please limit reading time to 10 or 15 minutes. If the group is small, you may get to read more than one item. Reading or reciting a 10 second Haiku is, of course, fine too. Chosen works may be deeply meaningful or intellectual or they may be frivolous or funny.

**Readers and listeners of all ages are welcome.** Please join us each month for an enjoyable, informal evening of literature and comradeship.

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## Library receives grant from Target

The York County Public Library announces a partnership with Target in recognition of its efforts in promoting children's literacy.

The Library will use the grant to continue and expand our "Bonding With Books" program. We are currently providing outreach services to Avalon, a shelter for women and children who are victims of abuse. The Youth Services Department at the York County Public Library has been visiting the center at 6-week intervals to introduce mothers and their children to the importance of reading.

The "Bonding With Books" program will instruct mothers at Avalon on the importance of reading aloud with their children based on current brain research, how to choose developmentally appropriate books for their children, and tips on how to read to young children. A story time will be presented by the Library's Youth Services Department as a method of demonstrating reading aloud with young children. Handouts will include: a

bibliography of recommended books, a literacy milestone guideline, a book bag, an age appropriate book for each child at the shelter and reading incentives such as bookmarks and stickers. We would also like to update the Parent Resource collection at the shelter with 10 new and updated items to address parenting and literacy issues.

This grant is part of the ongoing support Target provides to local communities throughout the country. Every week Target gives more than \$2 million to strengthen families and communities across the nation, with a focus on education, the arts, social services and other vital community partnerships.

Target gives back through signature programs that are designed to inspire learning in children and families, including Ready, Sit, Read!, a program dedicated to fostering a life-long love of reading in children.

The Library thanks Target for its generosity, and looks forward to continuing its mission of outreach and promotion of literacy.

## Celebrate Children's Book Week November 14-20

The Library is holding a special contest in celebration of Children's Book Week! Come to the Youth Services desk at the Tabb or Yorktown library anytime during the week of November 14 and vote for your favorite young readers'

book series. You'll be entered into our drawing for a Barnes & Noble gift card! See the Youth Services staff at either library for further details, or call the Youth Services desk at Tabb at 890-5110 or Yorktown at 890-3236.

## Dial-A-Story lines open for kids

Have Story Time with the Library any time of the day or night! Our Dial-A-Story line has a story for every child 24 hours a day!

Every month, we have three stories for our young patrons to call and hear. There's a new menu of stories every month—look on our Library Children's Page at <http://www.yorkcounty.gov/children> for the story list for the month!

Call our Dial-a-Story line at 890-5111 and enjoy a fun story today!



## Holiday Story Time at Tabb December 17

The winter holidays are near, and the Library will be spreading cheer! Children ages 3 and up are invited to our special Holiday Story Time on Saturday, December 10 at 10:30 AM in the meeting room at the Tabb Library. There will be stories, songs and a fun craft to make. No registration is required—just drop in! Call 890-5110 for more details.

## HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Veterans Day — Friday, November 11

Thanksgiving — Thurs. & Fri., November 24 & 25

Christmas — Fri., December 23–Mon., December 26

New Year — Fri., December 30–Mon., January 2

## Book Groups at Yorktown and Tabb

Are you curious about Russian literature? Do you prefer nonfiction? Would you like to discuss books with fellow booklovers on a weekday evening?

Call 890-5119 to register for Fall book discussion groups at Tabb or Yorktown branch libraries. Space is very limited, so register now to reserve a space in the group.

**First Tuesdays**  
**Russian Literature Group**  
7:00 PM at Tabb

**Second Tuesdays**  
**Daytime Book Group**  
10:00 AM at Yorktown

**Third Tuesdays**  
**Socrates Café philosophical discussion group (drop-in)**  
7:00 PM at Tabb

**Fourth Tuesdays**  
**Biography/Autobiography Evening Book Group**  
10:00 AM at Yorktown

## Casual Saturday Chess at Yorktown Library

The Yorktown Library will host **bring-your-own-board chess matches** the first and third Saturdays of each month at 2:00 PM. Come by yourself for a "pick-up" game or bring a friend or two. Quiet conversation or instruction will be permitted, but timing devices that make noise will not be welcome.

Bring your board for an afternoon of mental exercise!



## Learn more about CARING FOR YOUR PETS

The Library will hold the next session of its Wednesday Lecture Series on November 16 and December 14 at 7:00 PM at the Yorktown Library. The theme for Fall will be "Pet Care at Home." Local veterinarians will join us to talk about their special areas of expertise and interest. A question and answer period will follow the lectures.

Whether you have a dog, a cat, a bird, a lizard, or a pet lemur, there will be helpful information for you and your beloved furry, scaly, or fine-feathered friend.

Call the Adult Programs office at 890-5119 for more details.

## COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS classes Thursdays at Tabb

The Library now offers special classes on beginners' computer skills every Thursday morning at 9:00 AM at the Tabb Library. The Library's Adult Services staff will present sessions designed to introduce novice computer users to using the Internet, sending and receiving e-mail, and writing in Microsoft Word.

Each subject is offered once a month. Space is limited for each class, so registration is required. To register, call the Adult Programs office at 890-5119. Each class is offered every month. Reserve your space today!



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### HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday—Thursday	10 AM–9 PM
Friday	10 AM–6 PM
Saturday	10 AM–5 PM
Sunday	1 PM–5 PM

Visit the Library's website  
<http://www.yorkcounty.gov/library/>

Enjoy story time at home...FREE!  
**DIAL-A-STORY 890-5111**

### Tabb Library

100 Long Green Boulevard  
Yorktown, VA 23693  
(at Hampton Hwy. & Long Green Blvd.)

Library Information	890-5100
Administration	890-5105
Circulation Desk	890-5130
Adult Services Desk	890-5120
Youth Services Desk	890-5110

### Yorktown Library

8500 George Washington Mem. Highway  
Yorktown, VA 23692  
(at US Rt. 17 & Battle Rd.)

Library Information	890-3377
Circulation Desk	890-5209
Adult Services Desk	890-5207
Youth Services Desk	890-3236